

MOTION BY CHAIR HILDA L. SOLIS

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**Supporting the Department of Community and Senior Services 2016 “Linking to Employment Activities Pre-Release-2” Grant Application**

The Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS) is in the process of applying for a United States Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) “Linking to Employment Activities Pre-Release -2” (LEAP-2) grant to establish a “Los Angeles County Women’s Jail-Based Job Center” (WBJJC). If selected, CSS could receive up to \$500,000 to further the County’s Workforce Development Board’s efforts of streamlining service delivery for transitioning offenders prior to release. The WBJJC will create a sustainable pipeline for 150 participating female inmates from the County’s women’s jail to the County’s system of community based America’s Job Centers of California (AJCC).

The WBJJC will encourage women in custody receiving education or training through the Sheriff’s Education Based Incarceration program to focus on gaining skills that could aid them in careers within high growth industries. Upon release from custody, the AJCCs will continue to provide training and job placement services for participants. Consistent with the County’s efforts to reduce recidivism by improving reentry practices and increasing employment opportunities for former offenders, this program should be a model for others to emulate locally and nationally and deserves the Board’s full support.

Although the grant does not require it, a five-signature letter of support from the Board may strengthen the Department’s chances of being awarded the grant.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter of support for the Department of Community and Senior Services’ grant application to the United States Department of Labor for “Linking to Employment Activities Pre-Release-2” funds.

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